

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

**Entertainment Destination Center License Hearing:** Joe Ewald opened the public hearing for the EDC License at 7 p.m. The legal notice read as follows:

The City of Fort Thomas hereby declares its intention to apply for an Entertainment Destination Center License no later than September 9, 2021.

The licensed premises will be located in the Midway District of the City of Fort Thomas and the application is being submitted by City Administrative Officer Ronald J. Dill at the direction of the City of Fort Thomas Board of Council.

Specific boundaries for the proposed licensed premises are described in Ordinance O-06-2021, located on the City of Fort Thomas's website at: <https://ftthomas.org/mayorcouncil/ordinances/>.

Any person, association, corporation, or political body may protest the granting of this license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street, 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, within 30 days of the date of this publication.

With no public comments received, the hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2021. Melissa Beckett, City Clerk, called the roll and the following council members were present: Lisa Kelly, Ben Pendery, Ken Bowman, Jeff Bezold, Adam Blau and Connie Grubbs. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Ron Dill, City Clerk Melissa Beckett, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Chris Amon (arrived late), Police Lieutenant Brent Moening, and City Attorney Tim Schneider.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the September 7, 2021 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Grubbs to approve the minutes with amendments. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Visitors and Communications**

Sarah Kleier of 185 Ridgeway Avenue addressed council. Mrs. Kleier wanted to commend the police and fire department for their quick and thorough response to the bomb threat at Highlands High School. Mayor Haas thanked Mrs. Kleier for coming to council to acknowledge her appreciation of our first responders.

**Reports of Officers**

**Fire Department Monthly Report:** Fire Chief Chris Amon was not present at this time of the meeting. Finance Director Joe Ewald asked for questions about the Fire Department's monthly report. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Grubbs to receive and file the

monthly report for the Fire Department. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Police Department Monthly Report, Lt. Brent Moening:** Lieutenant Brent Moening presented the police monthly report for August to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Grubbs to receive and file the monthly report for the Police Department. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

### **City Administrator's Report: Ron Dill**

**Zoning Ordinance Update:** The Planning Commission has initiated the process of updating the city's Zoning Ordinance. Alisa Duffey Rogers, Architect/Planner with CT Consultants made initial presentation to the Planning Commission at their September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. She discussed the different approaches to updating, different types of zoning texts and timing for performing an update. Additionally, she initiated consideration of language that would introduce "formed-based" zoning in our Central Business Districts. Before proceeding with any proposed changes, the commission decided that a public meeting to discuss the process and some of the specific topic areas would be beneficial. The Planning Commission has scheduled a public meeting for Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to introduce the concepts.

**Tower Park Playground Equipment:** MidStates Recreation has confirmed that they will be on-site to begin installation of the playground equipment on Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. They will begin installation at the Shelter #3 site. Eaton Asphalt will follow with paving of the parking lot adjacent to the shelter #3 in the first week in October.

**City Building Update:** We have arranged for Council members to tour the facility before our October 18th council meeting. We will meet in front of the building at 5:00 pm on that evening.

**2020 Street Program:** The Public Works Committee needs to schedule a public inspection of improvements, we are now looking at just waiting until Waterworks Road is completed to include with the other streets, likely in November.

**2021 Street Program** – *Waterworks Road:* Eaton Asphalt is scheduled to begin work with milling/paving beginning the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>, this may be delayed by the restoration of the portion of the street affected from the sewer installation.

*Wilbers Lane:* Duke Energy has recently initiated replacement of the gas main & services to meet the new grade of the street. It appears that they will extend longer into October to complete this work. The staff is currently reviewing whether there is a need to delay the street reconstruction until next Spring.

A publication called "Best Fine Homes" did an article about Fort Thomas. The story was written by Jack Heffron who did an excellent job in describing our great city.

### **New Business**

**Report from the Law, Labor, and License Committee:** The Law, Labor, and License Committee met prior to the council meeting. Ms. Grubbs reported that it was the consensus of the committee to deny lowering the age limit for driving a golf cart from 19 years old to 16 years old.

**Report from the Recreation Committee:** Mr. Bezold reported on the public meeting of the Recreation Committee that was held on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> regarding implementation for potential projects included in the Community Plan. Chris Manning and city staff prepared a presentation on a wide array of items included in the Community Plan. There were approximately 70 people in attendance with a large number that were interested in Pickleball courts. The city is constructing 2 courts on the lower tennis courts in Tower Park and will look at other options for locations in the future. The proposed concept of the skate park was also an item that brought people that were supportive and against this concept. What the committee took from this, after a meeting at the location, speaking to residents, and taking the feedback from the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> is that the city should consider other locations. Mr. Bowman asked what measures for safety the city would take if the skate park was added in the proposed location. Mr. Bezold indicated that if this does stay in the proposed location, it would be referred to the Public Safety Committee for review.

**Finance Committee Report of Disbursements:** The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 9783-9963 for the period of **August 12 – September 15, 2021.** A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Pendery to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Ms. Kelly, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **Ordinances and Orders**

**Ordinance No. O-13-2021:** A second reading of an Ordinance establishing the property tax rate for the 2021 tax collection was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve ordinance O-13-2021. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Ms. Kelly, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Ordinance No. O-14-2021:** Tentative first reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O-08-2020 Section IV (5); to allow the operator of a golf cart to be 16 years old with valid driver’s license. It was the consensus of the Law, Labor, and License Committee to deny the request to lower the age limit to drive a golf cart.

**Ordinance No. O-15-2021:** A second reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No O-07-2007 to allow for certain changes to requirements for outdoor dining was presented to council for consideration.

### **Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Blau to enter into executive session in accordance with KRS section 61.810 (b) – for the deliberation of the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency. Public discussion could potentially affect the value of the property. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Grubbs to reconvene the regular meeting of council. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting “no”: none.

With no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

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Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk